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SUBJ: TTPI: FOLLOW-UP ON USG STATEMENTS TO TRUSTEESHIP

COUNCIL BEGIN

1. WE PLAN TO BEGIN VERY SHORTLY INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL (TC) MEMBERS RELATING TO TIMING, MANDATE AND COMPOSITION OF VISITING MISSION WHICH WE HOPE WILL OBSERVE MARINANAS PLEBISCITE. WE EXPECT THAT DURING CONSULTATIONS OTHER TC MEMBERS WILL ASK ABOUT STEPS US AND TTPI GOVERNMENTS TAKING TO IMPLEMENT STATEMENTS US REPS MADE AT TC'S 41ST SESSION LAST JUNE.

2. US REP TOLD TC THAT "THE USG IS PRESENTLY NEAR COMPLETION OF A BASIC STUDY ON A NUMBER OF MEASURES TOWARDS INCREASED SELFGOVERNMENT FOR MICRONESIA WHICH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE REGARDLESS OF MICRONESIA'S FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE BASIC DECISION ON THESE CHANGES WILL BE TAKEN WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AND THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH MICRONESIA'S LEADERSHIP ON THE MEANS AND TIMING OF IMPLEMENTATION COULD TAKE PLACE IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

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IF MICRONESIA'S LEADERSHIP SO DESIRES, WE ANTICIPATE

MANY OF THESE CHANGES COULD BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE THE
END OF 1974 OR IN EARLY 1975 AT THE LATEST."

3. OTHER QUESTIONS MAY RELATE TO INDICATIONS GIVEN AT
LAST TC SESSION THAT USG 1) ACTIVELY STUDYING LIMITATION ON
SECRETARY OF INTERIOR'S VETO POWER OVER COM LEGISLATION TO
"AREAS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO US"; 2) CONSIDERING APPOINTMENT
OF MICRONESIAN TO TT HIGH COURT; 3) "IN PRINCIPLE" WILL
GRANT COMPENSATION TO BIKINIANS AND WILL SEEK US CON-
GRESSIONAL APPROPRIATION; 4) CONSIDERING DELEGATION TO
COM OF GREATER AUTHORITY OVER BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS;
5) WILL APPOINT MICRONESIANS TO 4 OUT OF 5 TTPI POSITIONS
VACANT AS OF JUNE 1974 AND REQUIRING COM CONFIRMATION; 6)
SEEKING US CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF TTPI MEMBERSHIP
IN ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP GUIDANCE ON
APPROPRIATE REPLIES TO SUCH QUESTIONS OF THEY MATERIALIZE.
WE ASSUME THAT IN ANY CASE WE WILL FACE QUESTIONING ON
THESE ISSUES AT NEXT TC SESSION THREE MONTHS FROM NOW.
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